

UNITED STATE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Farm Service Agency
Washington, DC 20250

Notice TB-941

For: Flue-Cured Tobacco State and County Offices

Curing-Barn Insulation Certification Program

Approved by: Acting Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs



1 Overview

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Background

For the past 2 years, the Flue-Cured Tobacco Cooperative Stabilization Corporation (Stabilization) has conducted a barn insulation certification program with the assistance of FSA.

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Purpose

This notice provides:

- authority for the County Offices to aid Stabilization in administering the 1999 Barn Insulation Certification Program
- procedures for implementing the certification at the County Office level.

Disposal Date

September 1, 1999

Distribution

Flue-Cured Tobacco State Offices; State Offices relay to applicable County Offices

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2 Certification Program

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Stabilization Action

Stabilization shall:

- publicize the certification program
 - provide 1999 certification forms with 1999 operator name, address, and FSN to the applicable County Office by April 1, 1999
 - provide County Offices with a copy of any certification form mailed directly to Stabilization
 - provide warehouses with a list of uncertified farms, when necessary.
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County Office Action

County Offices shall:

- obtain signatures on 3-part certification forms and return to Stabilization by July 1, 1999
- record farm number changes manually on certification form
- FAX list of FSN, operator name and address, and warehouse designation of any "No Certification" MQ-76's to Stabilization. Send FAX when MQ-76 is issued.

Note: FAX number is 919-821-4564.

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Work Measurement Reporting

Work measurement County Offices shall report all time associated with this activity under work item 1201.

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Farm Operator Action

Flue-cured tobacco farm operators shall certify that the tobacco offered for marketing in 1999 will **not**:

- come in contact with polyurethane, polystyrene, or fiberglass insulation material in the curing chamber of any curing barns used to cure tobacco produced on the farm
- contain any foreign insulation material.

The term “in contact with” means any physical contact with exposed or loose insulation material.

Flue-cured tobacco offered for marketing from a farm without a certification will:

- receive a “No Certification” designation
- have a price support loan rate of zero.

Notes: MQ-76 issued for these farms will be annotated “No Certification”. Each tobacco lot will be noted “No Certification” by the auction warehouse.

Flue-cured tobacco producers are urged to inspect their curing barns for any exposed or loose insulation material.

Questions concerning the certification program should be directed to Stabilization at 919-821-4560.
